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FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND POPULATION DISPLACEMENTS

Letter dated 3 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Secretariat of the Sub-Commission

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith* information about refugees and internally displaced persons in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the fiftieth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under item 10 (b) of the agenda.

(Signed) S. EIVAZOVA
Ambassador

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* The attachment is circulated as received, in the language of submission only.

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Annex

INFORMATION ABOUT THE REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

General Information

Refugees deported from Armenia (1988-1989)	-	50149 families 243.682 persons
Meskheti Turks deported from Middle Asia and Kazakhstan (1990)	-	9.463 families 49.239 persons
Internally displaced persons from the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan	-	146.455 families 611.293 persons
Total number of refugees and internally displaced persons	-	206.067 families 904.214 persons

Expulsion of Azerbaijanis from the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Number of Azerbaijanis in the Nagorno-Karabakh region before the beginning of the expulsion in 1988	-	50.000 persons

The territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan occupied by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia

Districts	Dates of occupation
Khodjavand	February 2, 1992
Khodjali	February 26, 1992
Shusha	May 18, 1992
Kalbadjar	April 2, 1993
Djabrail	August 18, 1993
Fizuli	August 23, 1993
Gubadli	August 31, 1993
Zangilan	October 27, 1993

Number of occupied towns and villages	-	774
Number of perished during the war	-	20.000 persons
Number of invalids as a result of the war	-	50.000 persons
Number of hostages and missing persons	-	5180 persons (as at July 1, 1998)
Number of destroyed dwellings	-	102.000
Number of destroyed public buildings	-	7000
Number of destroyed general education schools	-	693

Number of destroyed medical facilities	-	695
Number of destroyed transport roads	-	800 km
Number of destroyed bridges	-	160
Number of destroyed water pipe-lines	-	2300 km
Number of destroyed electric lines	-	1500 km
Number of destroyed forest areas	-	250.000 he
Number of destroyed sowing areas	-	200.000 he
Number of destroyed historical monuments and museums	-	464
Total damage to Azerbaijan (initial estimation)	-	60 billion US dollars

The composition of the internally displaced persons and places of their settlement

Male	-	289.641 persons
Female	-	321.652 persons
Under 17	-	196.480 persons
School children	-	126.482 persons
Number of people having ability to work	-	301.359 persons
Unemployed	-	196.380 persons
Pensioners	-	116.554 persons
Orphans	-	5.000 persons
Lonely	-	4.000 persons

Ethnic composition

Azerbaijanis	-	606.633 persons
Russians	-	428 persons
Kurds	-	3.992 persons
Persons belonging to other ethnic groups	-	240 persons

Places of settlement

In tents	-	15.530 families 73.982 persons
In pre-fabricated houses	-	19.782 families 98.979 persons
In public buildings, schools, kindergartens, hostels	-	175.255 persons
In sanatoriums, rest homes, tourist and health camps	-	5.236 families 20.240 persons
At relatives	-	38.926 families 156.420 persons
In seized flats	-	8.954 families 35.471 persons

In unfinished buildings	-	10.616 families 44.502 persons
In farms	-	7.555 families 32.721 persons
In wagons or rail-cars	-	850 families 4.320 persons

Internally displaced persons from the areas of Azerbaijan bordering Armenia

Sadarak district	-	100 families 440 persons
Sharur district	-	90 families 275 persons
Agstafa district	-	216 families 1052 persons
Agjabadi district	-	667 families 3314 persons
Gazakh district	-	1776 families 6593 persons
Gadabay district	-	91 families 301 persons
Tartar district	-	1275 families 5.633 persons
Tovuz	-	71 families 349 persons
Agdam district	-	5452 families 21884 persons
Fizuli district	-	10.182 families 42.763 persons